

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

Instrument for the treatment of the apical portion of radicular dental canals, has a conical shaft (1) having at least one helicoidal working ridge. The active anterior portion (2) of the instrument is comprised of at least two successive cones whose opening ( ~~$\gamma$~~  $\alpha$ ) decreases from the anterior point (3) of the instrument in the direction of its active posterior portion.

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] ~~The single figure~~Fig. 1 shows the working point of the instrument according to the invention.

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] As is seen more particularly in the drawing, the angle  $\alpha$  of the cone of the envelope of the extreme end 3 of the instrument, is greater than the angle  ~~$\alpha$~~  representing the conicity of the instrument at positions b and c ( $\beta$  and  $\gamma$ ) of the active portion of the instrument located farther to the rear, namely in the direction of the handle of the instrument.